

Application No.: 10/565,859
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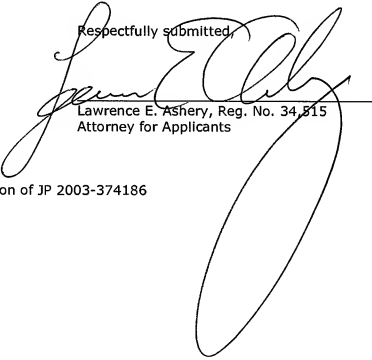
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-5, 7, 14-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda (US 7,522,558) in view of Chaskar (US 2004/0137902) and Funato (US 2003/0087646). Ikeda has a filing date of October 13, 2004. The present application, however, claims priority to JP 2003-374186 with a filing date of November 4, 2003. As the filing date of Applicants' priority document precedes the filing date of the Ikeda reference, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. A Verified Translation of Applicants' priority document is enclosed.

This application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Verified Translation of JP 2003-374186

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